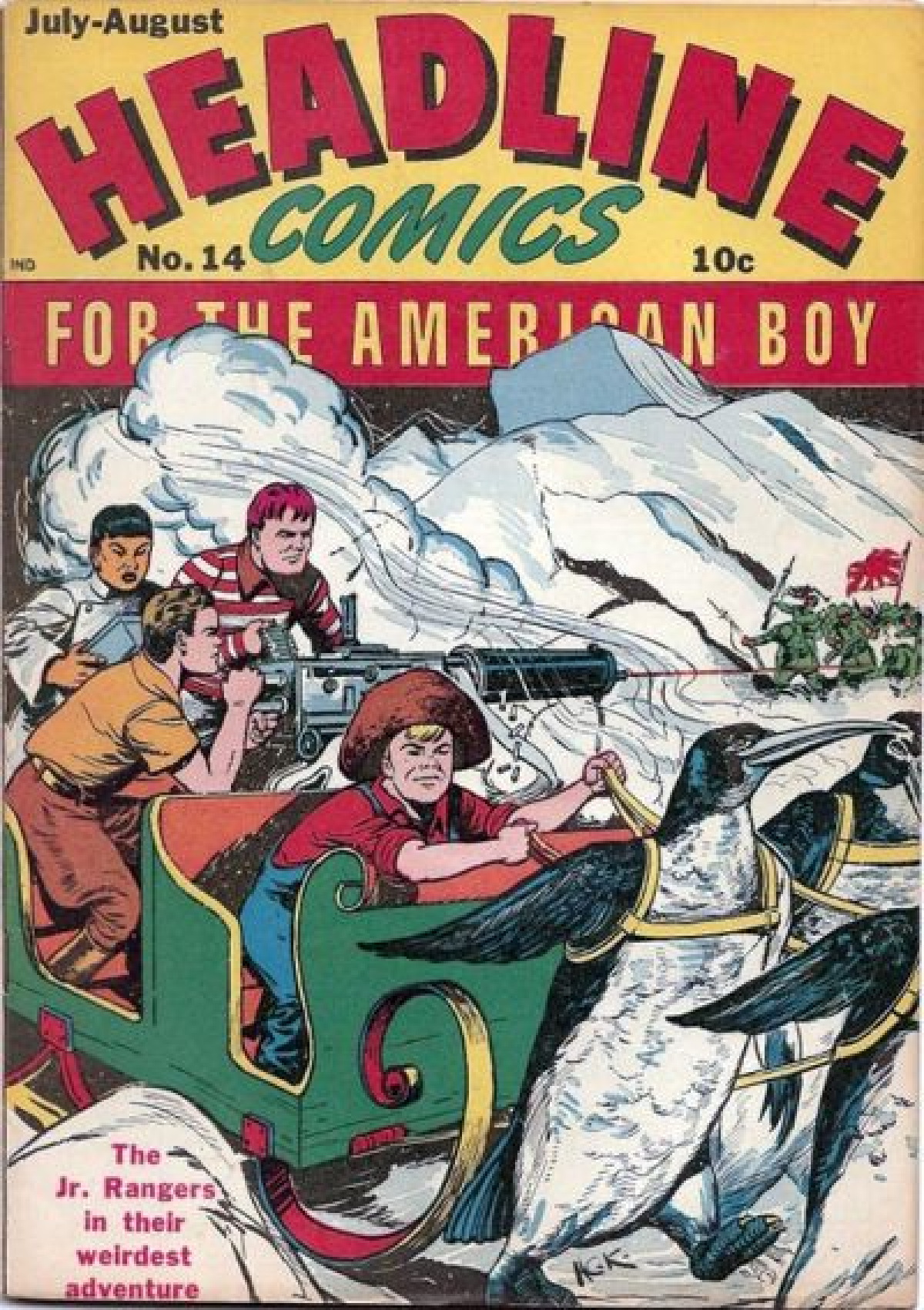

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Buck SAUNDERS and his PALS
VAMPIRES IN AMERICA? THOSE GRUESOME CREATURES OF THE WALKING DEAD WHO PREY ON THE LIVING... RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN COUNTRY? DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT! BUCK AND HIS FRIENDS DIDN'T BELIEVE IT EITHER... BUT FOR A WHILE THEY WEREN'T SO SURE... WHEN THEY CAME TO GRIPS WITH... "The SCIENTIST OF IMMORTALITY!"
WHAT A SUPERB SPOT, DR. POWER!
RIGHT, PERCY! IT'S A WONDERFUL PLACE FOR A VACATION! BUT I HAD ANOTHER REASON FOR SUGGESTING IT!
IT'S JUST A YEAR AGO THAT MY FRIEND O'HARA WAS FOUND MURDERED OUT HERE... WITH HIS HEAD BASHED IN! I'D LIKE TO FIND OUT HOW... AND WHY!
SAY, I REMEMBER THAT! HE WAS A FINE YOUNG ARTIST!
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HE WAS JUST MY AGE...32! WE GREW UP TOGETHER!
ALL THIS WALKIN' AND TALKIN' IS GETTIN' ME HUNGRY, FELLAS... MAKE WITH THE VITTLES!
SHOW A LITTLE RESTRAINT, FATTY! SUCH CRUDENESS DESTROYS MY APPETITE!
AW... YOU AIN'T DOIN' SO BAD YOURSELF, PERCY!
I--I CAN'T SAY THE SAME! GOT A SORE THROAT COMIN' ON--AND IN THIS HEAT!
I'LL FIX YOU UP IN A JIFFY!
LUCKILY I BROUGHT A SUPPLY OF SULFA TABLETS! TAKE PLENTY OF THEM... JUST IN CASE IT'S A REAL INFECTION!
THANKS, DOC!
HEY! SAND... AND BLOWIN' IN MY FOOD!
WOW! LOOKS LIKE THE START OF A SANDSTORM!
SANDSTORM IS RIGHT! LET'S MAKE FOR ONE OF THOSE HOUSES WE PASSED BACK THERE!
I DRAW THE LINE AT EATIN' SAND...EXCEPT IN MY SPINACH!
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THIS IS THE BIGGEST HOUSE AROUND HERE!
HOPE SOMEBODY'S HOME!
THIS STORM-- CAUGHT US! COULD WE TAKE SHELTER INSIDE?
I'M SURE THE MASTER WILL BE GLAD TO SEE YOU!
YOU ARE VERY WELCOME, INDEED!
THANKS! I'M DR. POWER... VISITING FROM THE EAST!
AH...A PHYSICIAN NO DOUBT! THAT IS GOOD!
DR. POWER IS ONE OF THE MOST GIFTED OF OUR YOUNG MEDICAL MEN!
MY OWN GIFTS LIE IN ANOTHER DIRECTION! I EXPERIMENT WITH ETERNAL LIFE!
YOU MEAN-- YOU MAKE PEOPLE LIVE FOREVER?
EXACTLY!! BUT YOU SHALL UNDERSTAND BETTER...LATER ON!
I CAN HARDLY WAIT!


THAT PICTURE! WHY... IT'S ONE OF O'HARA'S!
GEE--IT DOES LOOK LIKE ONE OF HIS!
O'HARA? I'M AFRAID NOT! YOU SEE--- I PAINT AS A HOBBY-- AND THAT'S ONE OF MINE!
I COULD'VE SWORN--
ENOUGH OF THIS SMALL TALK, DOCTOR! YOUR YOUNG FRIENDS MUST WANT TO WASH UP--- MEADOWS WILL SHOW THEM UPSTAIRS!
SOME CLASS TO US!
LOOK AT THAT STATUE! VERY WELL DONE! DON'T TELL ME HE DOES THAT, TOO!
QUITE RIGHT! DR. MACABRE IS VERY TALENTED!
A SWELL DUMP, ALL RIGHT! BUT IT--- IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS!
YEAH---AN' WHERE'S DOC POWER? LET'S FIND HIM!
THEY'RE STILL TALKIN'!
HEY! LOOKS AS IF THAT GUY IS THREATENIN' DOC POWER!
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YOU WERE ALMOST RIGHT ABOUT THAT PICTURE, DOCTOR! YOU SEE, YOUR FRIEND O'HARA PAINTED IT--- THROUGH ME!
WHAT?
I HAD TO KILL HIM--- TO REMOVE HIS PITUITARY GLAND, AT THE BASE OF HIS BRAIN---SO I COULD GO ON LIVING HIS YOUTH FOR HIM!
WHAT? WHY, I'LL---
THAT'S WHY HIS SKULL WAS CRUSHED! NOW I NEED ANOTHER OPERATION TO RENEW MY ETERNAL LIFE...AND YOU WILL BE THE VICTIM!
YOU--- YOU MONSTER!
LET'S GO! WE'VE HEARD ENOUGH!
TOO MUCH!
NOT SO FAST, BRATS!
WE'RE STYMIED!
FINE WORK, MEADOWS! BRING THE LITTLE IMPS DOWN HERE!
COMING, MCCABRE! DOWNSTAIRS, YOU KIDS!
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THESE BOYS HAVE HEARD TOO MUCH, McCABRE!
NOTHING HASTY, MEADOWS! FIVE MURDERS WOULD LOOK BAD!
TIE THEM UP! WE MUST SEE THAT THEY DIE NATURAL DEATHS!
YOU'RE RIGHT, McCABRE! OTHERWISE THE POLICE WOULD MAKE DEDUCTIONS!
THESE DEADLY FEVER GERMS CAN WORK ON THEM... UNTIL WE DECIDE TO TURN THEM LOOSE!
BRILLIANT, MEADOWS! BUT HURRY... I NEED THE OPERATION!
REST AWHILE IN HERE, CHILDREN! MEANWHILE THE GREAT SURGEON MEADOWS MUST TEST HIS DELICATE SKILL ONCE MORE!
I--I'M FAINTING!
G-GOSH-- I FEEL WEAK...
C-CAN'T... LAST MUCH LONGER...
HEY, WAIT, FELLAS! I FEEL OKAY!! THE SULFA DOC GAVE ME IS FIGHTING OFF THE FEVER!
H-HURRY!
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LET'S GO, BOYS-- BEFORE THOSE GERMS REALLY START WORKIN' ON YA!
MAYBE SOME EXERCISE WILL DO US SOME GOOD!
NOT SO FAST, SAWBONES!
WHA--?
THIS IS ONE TIME WHEN I'LL STRIKE AN ELDER--AND FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT!
WONDER IF OLD MEADOWS CAN TAKE IT!
UF!
STOP! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING! YOU'RE RUINING A GREAT SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY!
OH, YEAH?
EEE-YA! NO! NO!! IT'S TOO HORRIBLE!!


IT--IT'S TOO LATE... I'M DYING!--NEED OPERATION... BAD!
G-GOLLY! HE'S GETTIN' OLDER BY THE SECOND!
HE---HE WAS MY FIANCE... I--DIDN'T KNOW---WE WERE TO BE MARRIED!
GOOD HEAVENS... THIS IS FANTASTIC!
THIS...IS...END! I'M 100 YEARS OLD... MEADOWS PERFORMED OPERATION EVERY...YEAR...
A MURDER EVERY YEAR!
IT WAS A NOBLE EXPERIMENT--BUT IT'S ENDED... AND SO, I TOO, MUST FOLLOW!
STOP HIM!
TOO LATE!
YOU--YOU SAVED ME!
IT WAS REALLY MY YOUNG FRIENDS WHO DID IT! THEY ARE THE STRONGEST, MOST FEARLESS BOYS IN ALL THE... WHAT'S THAT?
PLOP!
IN THE EXCITEMENT I FORGOT TO TELL YOU, DOC... THE BOYS ARE GOING TO PASS OUT! BETTER GET OUT YOUR SULFA...QUICK!
THREE ORDERS COMIN UP! THEY'LL SOON BE AS GOOD AS NEW!

# WORLDBEATER and UNGGH




UNWILLINGLY ELECTED HEAD OF THE CRIME SYNDICATE, WORLDBEATER CALLS A HURRIED CONFERENCE WITH HIS FRIENDS....
THESE COPS ARE REALLY CRIMINALS AND WE HELPED LOCK UP THE REAL POLICE! WE MUST DO SOMETHING!
COPS DRESSED LIKE CROOKS, CROOKS DRESSED LIKE COPS!
WAIT! I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA! I'LL PRETEND TO BE THE LEADER OF THE GANG, AND WE'LL WAIT FOR A CHANCE TO RELEASE THE POLICE.
TERRIFIC! COLOSSAL! SENSATIONAL!
SUDDENLY....
LATE THAT NIGHT...
POLICE STATION
SHHH! WE MUST'NT GET CAUGHT!
HEY, DERE! WHERE DO YA T'INK YER GOIN'?
WHO, ME? WHY--WHY I'M WORLDBEATER!
I--I JUST THOUGHT OF AN IMPORTANT QUESTION TO ASK ONE OF THOSE POLICEMEN WE BAGGED TODAY!
OKAY. WE'LL GO IN WIT' YA!
NO, I--- UH-- DEAR ME, WHAT WAS I GOING TO ASK THOSE DESPERADOES!
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OH, WELL... I SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN WHAT IT WAS I WANTED TO ASK THEM! IT'LL PROBABLY COME TO ME LATER!
COME BACK WHEN YA TINK OF IT AN' WE'LL GIVE DEM DA THOID DEGREE FOR YA!
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAWE TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER CHANCE.
THEY SEEM TO TO HAVE AN IMPREGNABLE GAURD SYSTEM!
GLAD YOU'RE BACK WORLDBEATER! I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT WE'LL HAVE TO PULL A JOB QUICK! WE ALL NEED DOUGH!
NOW I THOUGHT...
WE'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU AS SOON AS SOMETHING TURNS UP MY GOOD MAN! GOOD NIGHT!
THIS IS TERRIBLE! WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP STALLING THE CHIEF OFF UNTIL WE CAN RESCUE THE REAL POLICE!
COULD'NT WE JUST GO BACK TO DESERT?
THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
MAYBE THEY CALL US TO BREAKFAST!
WE WANT WORLDBEATER!
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YOUR PUBLIC AWAITS YOU, WORLDBEATER!
WE WANT WORLD-BEATER!
WE JUST HEARD ABOUT YOUR GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS! YOU MUST LEAD US IN LOOTING!
WE WILL MAKE YOU CZAR OF ALL CRIMES!
THIS IS TERRIBLE! ME, WORLDBEATER, PICKED AS A CZAR OF CRIME!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
DOES EVERY CROOK IN THIS COUNTRY WEAR A POLICE UNIFORM? IT LOOKS LIKE IT... ANSWER THE DOOR JO-BLO.
WORLDBEATER YOU MUST AGREE TO FIGURE OUT JOBS FOR OUR GANGS TOO! WE WILL SPLIT THE LOOT WITH YOU!
I -- OKAY I'LL LOOK THE SITUATION OVER.
MOROSELY, OUR HERO WANDERS THE STREETS IN SEARCH OF INSPIRATION...
IF I COULD ONLY GET THEM TO STEAL SOMETHING WORTHLESS UNTIL I HAVE A CHANCE TO RELEASE THE POLICE...
YESSIR, THAT'S WORLDBEATER, PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE! I RECOGNIZED HIM IN A MINUTE!


MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING HERE TO TRICK THEM WITH-- DIAMONDS! GOLD!
JUNK
JOE'S
THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE ALL THIS JEWELRY ON A JUNK PILE!
JOE'S JUNK YARD
AH, GOOD DAY SIR!
G-GOOD DAY
I WONDER IF HE SAW ME
WELL, THIS IS ALL I CAN CARRY! BUT MAYBE IT'LL KEEP THOSE CROOKS QUIET FOR AWHILE!
PRESENTLY...
HERE'S A FEW LITTLE THINGS I JUST PICKED UP FOR YOU! A ONE MAN JOB YOU KNOW...
PICKED UP IS RIGHT! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF CARRYING ALL THAT WORTHLESS JUNK AROUND IN YOUR POCKETS?
HUH? THAT'S DIAMONDS-- AND GOLD!


EXACTLY EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT DIAMONDS AND GOLD AREN'T WORTH ANYTHING!
ME TIRED OF THIS CRAZY PLACE! ANIMALS FLY, DIAMONDS NO GOOD!
NOW WE REALLY GOT A BIG JOB WORLDBEATER, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP! THERE'S A VALUABLE SHIPMENT ARRIVING AT THE BANK...
IF DIAMONDS ARE WORTHLESS WHAT CAN THIS BE??
WE CAN ALL RETIRE, IF THIS WORKS OUT!
WE LIKE TO RETIRE RIGHT NOW
MINUTES LATER...
WE'RE JUST IN TIME. HERE COMES THE CAR NOW!
NATIONAL BANK
LOOK! WORLDBEATER! A FORTUNE! DO WE RUSH THEM?
WAIT UNTIL THEY GET INSIDE AND THE VAULTS ARE OPEN. THEN WE RUSH IN!
IT WON'T HURT TO LET THE SAPS STEAL THIS TRASH!


ALL RIGHT, MEN! WE'VE GOT TO WORK FAST WHILE THE VAULTS ARE STILL OPEN!
TELLER
HELP!
YOU MEN DASH IN AND GRAB THE LOOT WE'LL WATCH THE GUARDS AND COVER THE RETREAT
OH BOY! LOOK AT THOSE EMPTY CANS! THAT WORLDBEATER IS A GENIUS!
OHHH! ALL OF MY PRICELESS DEPOSITS! I'LL BE RUINED!
HUH? YOU MEAN THAT JUNK IN THERE IS REALLY VALUABLE?
VALUABLE? THAT "JUNK" AS YOU CALL IT MERELY REPRESENTS TWO-THIRDS OF OUR TOTAL WEALTH!
OH MY GOODNESS!--- MAYBE THIS WILL HOLD THEM UNTIL WE GET THIS STRAIGHTENED OUT!
WITHIN A FEW MINUTES...
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY ABOUT HELPING TO JAIL YOU I HAVE THE REAL CROOKS TRAPPED FOR YOU!
GOOD! I'LL SEE THAT YOU'RE PROPERLY REWARDED FOR THIS!
Soon...
MOVE ALONG YOU GUYS! YOU'LL GET A NICE STRETCH FOR THIS!
THAT DOITY STOOLPIGEON TURNED US IN!
POLICE
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A VERY CLEVER IDEA, WORLDBEATER REMOVING THEIR CLOTHES TO KEEP THEM FROM ESCAPING! I WOULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT OF IT!
OH--- IT WAS NOTHING!
LATER..
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU INSIST THAT WE PUT ON THESE CLOTHES!
IT WILL PUT A STOP TO ALL THIS CONFUSION! NOW-- AT LAST POLICE WILL LOOK LIKE POLICE!
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT... COME ON MEN NOW WE CAN GRAB THE BANK'S SHIPMENT OF VALUABLES!
GOING TO ROB THE BANK? BUT--BUT--
IF WE WEAR THESE UNIFORMS WE HAVE TO BE CROOKS!
OW!
ENTRANCE
IF THAT SIGN SAYS "ENTRANCE" IT MUST MEAN "EXIT" IN THIS COCKEYED WORLD! COME ON WE'RE GETTING OUT!
BACK TO MERE HUNGER AND THIRST AT LAST!
ANYTHING IS BETTER THAN THAT TOPSY-TURVY LAND!
WELCOME